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CORRUPTION IN DDA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has expresed serious concern on the rampant corruption, lack of accountability and absence of redressal mechanism in DDA;

(b) if so, the details of action taken by his Ministry on the views of the Prime Minister;

(c) whether his Ministry have assessed the area of corrupt practices prevailing in the DDA, particularly in the Accounts Department;

(d) if so, the details thereof:

(e) the number of complaints received against the DDA during the last one year and action taken thereon; and

(f) the steps taken to bring transparency in the functioning of DDA?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Based on analysis of representations received in the Prime Minister`s Office, Hon`ble Prime Minister, in a recent communication has pointed the problems of a generic nature faced by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) applicants, as well as shortcomings in the mechanism for redressal of grievances in it. The problems mainly relate to delays encountered in allotment of plots/flats, transfer of registration in favour of legal heirs, refund of registration money, change of address, issue of demand-cum-allotment letters, possession letters, etc. and inadequate response from DDA to redress the grievances. DDA has initiated action and examination in depth of cases of delay in public dealing departments. Several short term and long term measures have been initiated by DDA to train its work force, introduce computerization and e-governance as well as exercising strict vigilance at all levels.

(c)&(d): It cannot be said that corrupt practices exist as a system within the Accounts Wing or any other Departments of DDA. Whenever instances of individual failure are noticed, action is taken by the DDA`s Vigilance Wing to bring the corrupt officials to book.

(e)&(f): The DDA has reported that 967 representations with respect to the DDA were received in the Prime Minister`s Office from January, 1999 to June, 2001. Action on them has been taken. As mentioned above, DDA has initiated examination in depth of cases of delay in public dealing departments and several short term and long term measures to train its work force, introduce computerization and e-governance as well as exercising strict vigilance at all levels.